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The reader cannot fairly judge of the promise of it from this very slight indication of its nature and from my few criticisms. Let me, then, put before him the verdict upon it of Bertalanffy, who gives it a most favourable consideration at some length: 'One requisite is presupposed—namely, the existence of this unbelievably complicated chemical mechanism itself, the cosmos of chemical compounds in which every substance appears just where it is wanted for the production of an organ, under normal conditions just in the quantity requisite for the development of an harmonious organism—and just at the place, moreover, where that organ belongs. The problem of organization is not exhausted by calling the germ a polyphasic chemical system. We must not forget that this chemical system, adjusted internally to bring forth a definite organic form, is not in any way comparable with any chemical system known to us in the inorganic world.'⁵

* There is no escaping from the fact that embryonic *Anlagen* are more than chemical compounds.' * Development cannot be interpreted as though it were *only* a phenomenon of colloidal chemistry.' I think we must accept this, the verdict of Bertalanffy.